

Proceedings of the Mysore Representative Assembly, 1907.

MEMORANDUM.

The twenty-fourth session of the Assembly of Representative Raiyats and chants was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore on Saturday, the 19th October 1907, and succeeding days.

In accordance with the system of triennial election instituted in 1894, the Taluk Members elected in 1906 continued to hold their seats this year. The total number of representatives returned was 275, as shown below :—

Representatives from 68 taluks, including sub-taluks	...	...	206
Representatives from 27 Municipalities with a population of 5,000 and above	...	...	42
Representatives from 8 Local Boards	...	...	16
Representatives from 11 Associations	...	...	11
		Total	275

Of these,

5 were Europeans,
13 were Mahomedans and
257 were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation,

38 were merchants,
9 were sowcars or bankers,
72 were village officers (patels and shanbhogs),
113 were landholders,
22 were lawyers,
2 were schoolmasters and
19 followed other professions.

Owing to the prevalence of plague at Mysore and some other towns in the State, the attendance was not so large as it was last year. One hundred and fifty-one members attended on the first day of the session. The sittings were concluded on the 26th October, the attendance being 42 on the last day.

On the opening day the Hon'ble Mr. A. Williams, I.C.S., the British Resident in Mysore, and other European guests of His Highness the Maharaja were present, as were also the members of the State Council, the Heads of the various Departments, and other principal officers of the State. At 12 noon, the Dewan, Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, C.I.E., opened the proceedings by reading the annual address to the members. A Kanarese translation was subsequently read by the Officiating General and Revenue Secretary to Government.

Mr. Richards (on behalf of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board), Mr. Danvers (on behalf of the North Mysore Planters' Association), Mr. Crawford (on behalf of

the South Mysore Planters' Association), Mr. Rasool Khan (on behalf of the Mahomedan Community), and Mr. Rangachar (a representative from T. Narsipur) read addresses, which, along with the Dewan's reply, are printed in Appendix A.

The representations made by the members were discussed on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th October. The body of this report contains a summary of the discussions and the replies given by the Dewan.

At the close of the discussions on the General and Local Subjects on the 26th October, Mr. B. Narasinga Rao read an address on behalf of a large number of members, expressing gratitude to His Highness the Maharaja for the various measures undertaken by the Government for ameliorating the condition of the people, such as the abolition of the Halat, the establishment of the Legislative Council, the introduction of free primary education, the raising of the pay of village schoolmasters, the introduction of Kindergarten and Manual training, the formation of the Public Health and Veterinary Departments, the institution of the Dasara Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition and the encouragement given to Co-operative Societies, and for the recognition of the usefulness of the Representative Assembly. Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao read an address on behalf of the representatives of the Shimoga District, thanking the Dewan for the sympathetic hearing given to their representations and for the abolition of the Halat, and expressing satisfaction at the drainage, water-supply and town improvement schemes of Shimoga being under consideration. Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni thanked the Dewan, on behalf of the people of Harihar, for the water-supply scheme for Harihar. These addresses are also printed in Appendix A.

The Dewan tendered his thanks to the Representatives for their good wishes and expressed the hope that the Assembly would continue to do useful work for the public as in the past. He promised to submit their expression of gratitude to His Highness the Maharaja and declared the Assembly closed.

15th November 1907.

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